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DEQ sends reminder about open burning regulations

BATON ROUGE – Burning waste causes air pollution and the open burning of certain materials is prohibited in Louisiana. There are also local ordinances pertaining to what can and can't be burned. If you have a trash pile and burn household waste, construction debris or anything other than vegetative matter, you are violating the law. Under Title 33, section 1109 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, "no person shall cause or allow the burning of waste or other combustible material on any property owned by him or under his control."

Some materials that should NEVER be burned are:

- Plastic and other synthetic materials
- Tires and other rubber products
- Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- Asphalt shingles, heavy oils, wire
- Newspaper, cardboard and other paper products
- Buildings and mobile homes

Outdoor fires pollute the air, can be toxic and can make it difficult to breathe. Citizens can call DEQ to report illegal open burning at 225-219-3640 or toll free 1-888-763-5424 call the DEQ regional office that serves your parish. You may call the regional office for any environmental issue or complaint with the information below:

- **Northwest Regional Office in Shreveport** / Larry Baldwin – Regional Manager 318-676-7227 -- Parishes served: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster
- **Northeast Regional Office in Monroe** / Larry Baldwin – Regional Manager 318-362-5439, Monroe and 318-487-5656, Pineville – Parishes served: Avoyelles, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Rapides, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll and Winn
- **Southwest Regional Office in Lake Charles** / Billy Eakin – Regional Manager 337-491-2667 – Parishes served: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vernon
- **Southeast Regional Office in New Orleans** / Mike Algero – Regional Manager 504-736-7717 - Lafourche, 985-532-6206 – Parishes served: Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Washington
- **Acadiana Regional Office in Lafayette** / Billy Eakin – Regional Manager - 337-262-5584 – Parishes served: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion
- **Capital Regional Office in Baton Rouge** / Bobby Mayweather – Regional Manager - 225-219-3600 – Parishes served: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana